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# Objective of Paper

- To present a kind of operational architecture suitable for integrated weapons analysis
- To see how the elements change as a mission progresses
- To see how the structure must be built from the desired mission outcome back towards platform design
- To extend the process to a system-of-systems



# Key Metrics

**There are three principal weapons platform metrics:**

**Level 4], *Platform Utility*, which is derived from**

**Level 3], *Platform Capability*, which is derived from**

**Level 2], *Platform Componentry/Connectivity*, which is the fundamental platform metric**



# Key Platform Metrics

**These metrics are the**

**WHY,**

**(Level 4)]**

**the**

**WHAT,**

**(Level 3)]**

**and the**

**HOW**

**(Level 2)]**

**of an operations research framework.**



# Example: Platform Configuration

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Secondary Armament

Early Warning Sensors  
(LWR, RWR, MWR)

Mov  
e  
Sho  
ot

Communic  
ate

Main Armament

Crew

Millimeter Wave Radar Antenna

Commo Equipment

Engine Compartment

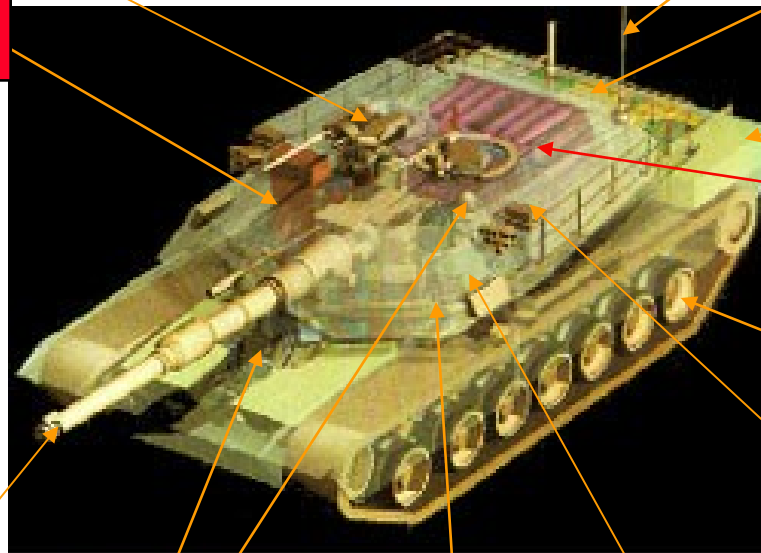
Fuel

Ammo Compartment

Wheels/Track

Commo Equipment

Target Acquisition/Engagement Sights



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# Abstraction: Platform Configuration

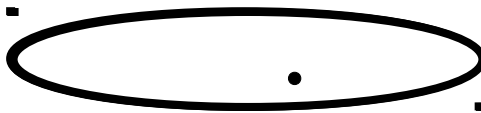
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Military Operations

Context

- Tactics
  - Doctrine
  - Scenario
  - etc.
- (Global Variables)

Level 2]



$v_2[C_1, C_2, \dots, C_c, C_d, \dots, C_i, C_k, \dots, C_m, C_n]$

Crew Ammo Fuel Msn Crit

Re-Armed and Re-Fueled

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# Testing for Platform Capabilities

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Mov  
Communicate  
Sens



Engage  
Replenish

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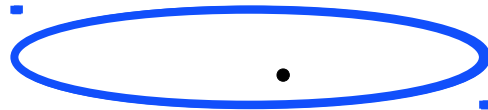


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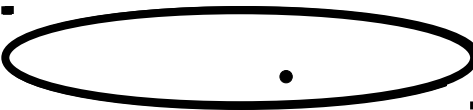
3]

$v_3$ [Top Speed, Max Range, Rough Terrain Capability, ...  
Rate of Fire, Time to Acquire Tgt, Hit Dispersion, ...  
Data Rate, Data Latency, ...]

Level 3]



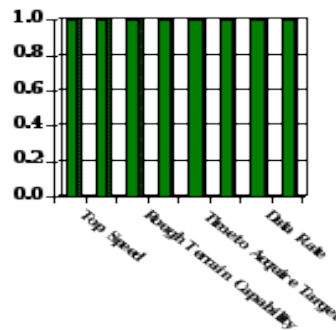
Level 2]



$O_{2,3}$  Operator

Context  
• Tactics  
• Doctrine  
• Scenario  
• etc.  
(Global Variables)

Context Data



H + 7





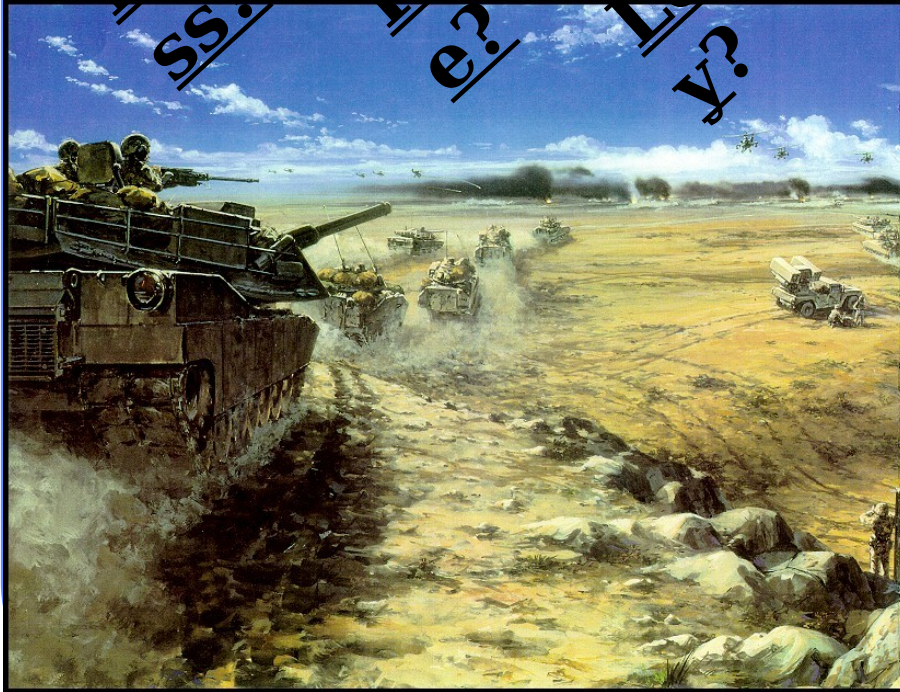
# Mission Utility from Capabilities

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Effectiveness?

Performance?

Lethality?



Survivability?

Loss/Exchange Readiness?

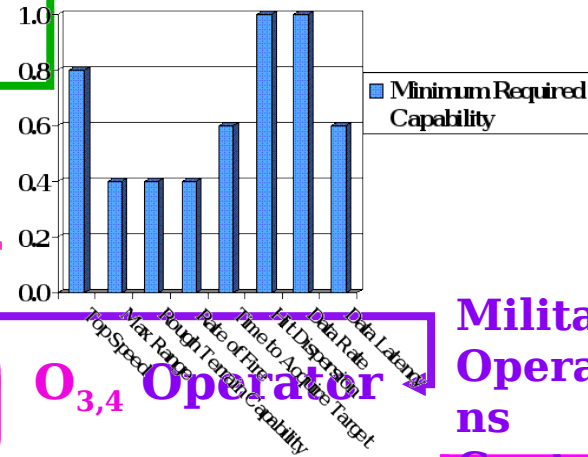
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# Abstraction: Platform

Utility  
Level

4]



Level 4]



O<sub>3,4</sub>

Operator

Msn Cap Reqs

Military Operations

Context

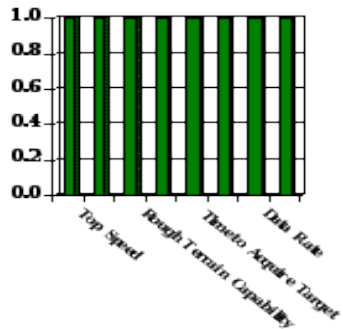
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O<sub>2,3</sub>

Operator



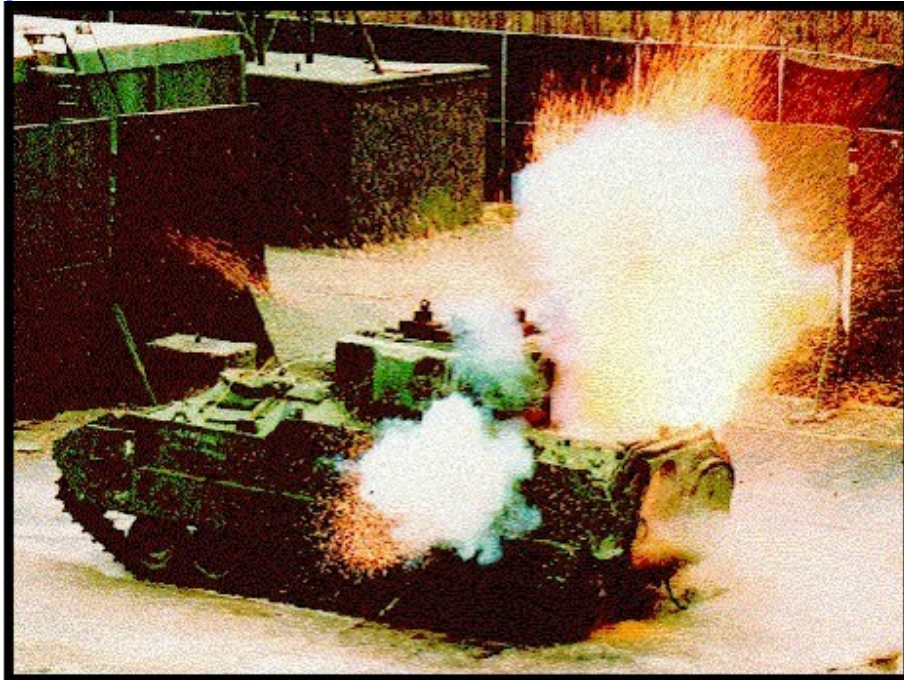
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# Physical Analogues for the $O_{1,2}$ Operator





# Abstraction: Platform Live-Fire Test Operator

Level 4]



$O_{3,4}$  Operator

Level 3]



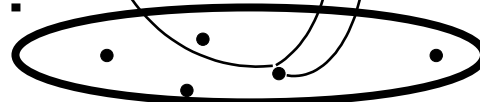
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Level 2]



$O_{1,2}$  Operator

Level 1]



Military Operations

Context

- Tactics
  - Doctrine
  - Scenario
  - etc.
- (Global Variables)

Context Data

Risk Factors

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# Component Change Mechanisms

## (Quasi-) Perm Damage

## Temp Damage

## Comp Repair/Fi

**Ballistic**  
**Chemical**  
**Laser**  
**Directed Energy**  
**High-Pwr Laser**  
**Nuclear**  
**Physics of Failure**  
**Logistics Burdens**  
**(Fuel, Ammo)**  
**Reliability**  
**Fair Wear & Tear**  
**Fatigue<sup>+</sup>**  
**Heat Stress<sup>+</sup>**

**Electronic Jamming**  
**Cosite Interference**

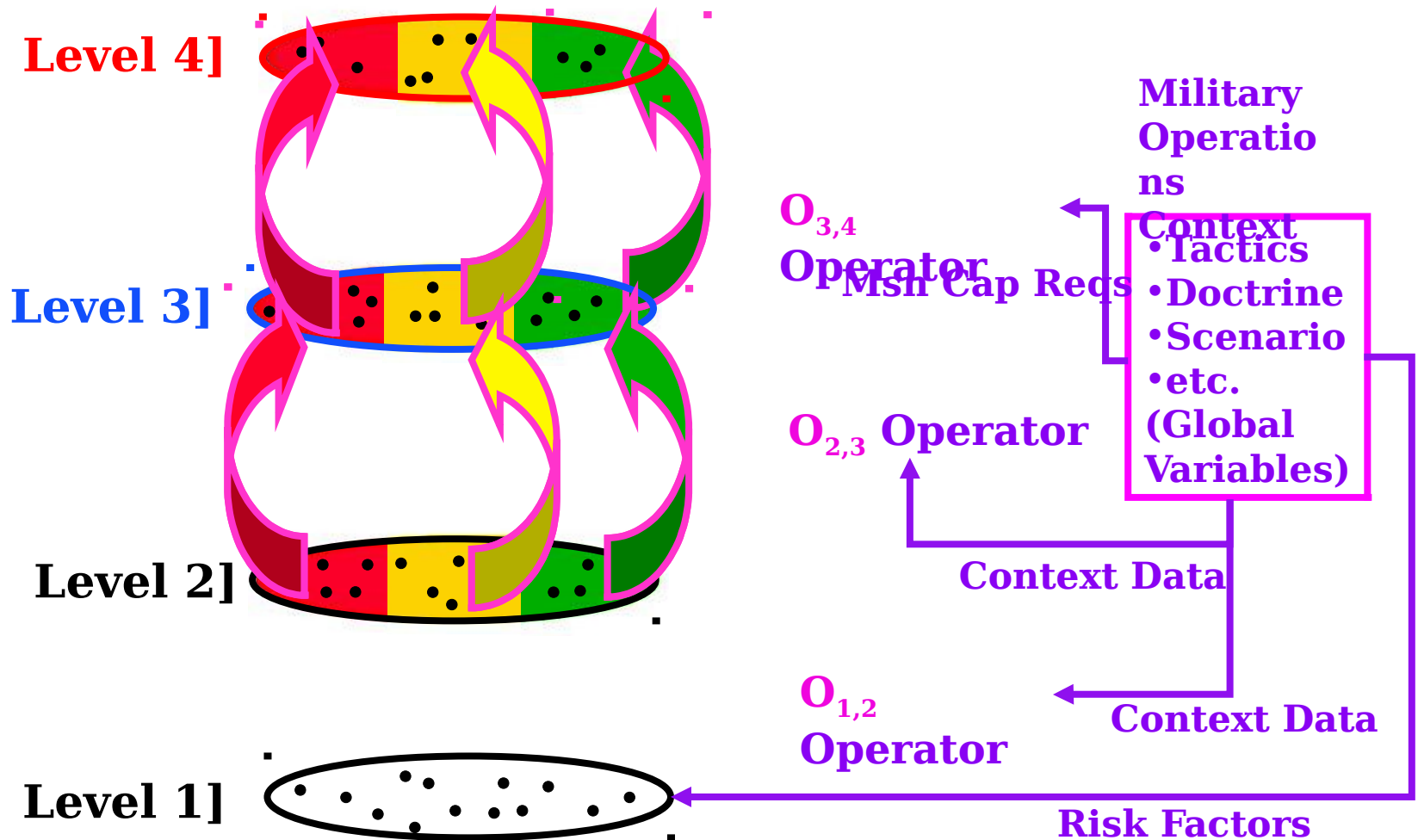
**Battle Damage**  
**Resupply/Replenish**  
**Sleep<sup>+</sup>**

**+ Personnel Related**

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# Mission-Based Utility







# Combined Platform Performance

**ACQUIRE**



**ACQUIRE**

**ACQUIRE**



**COMM**



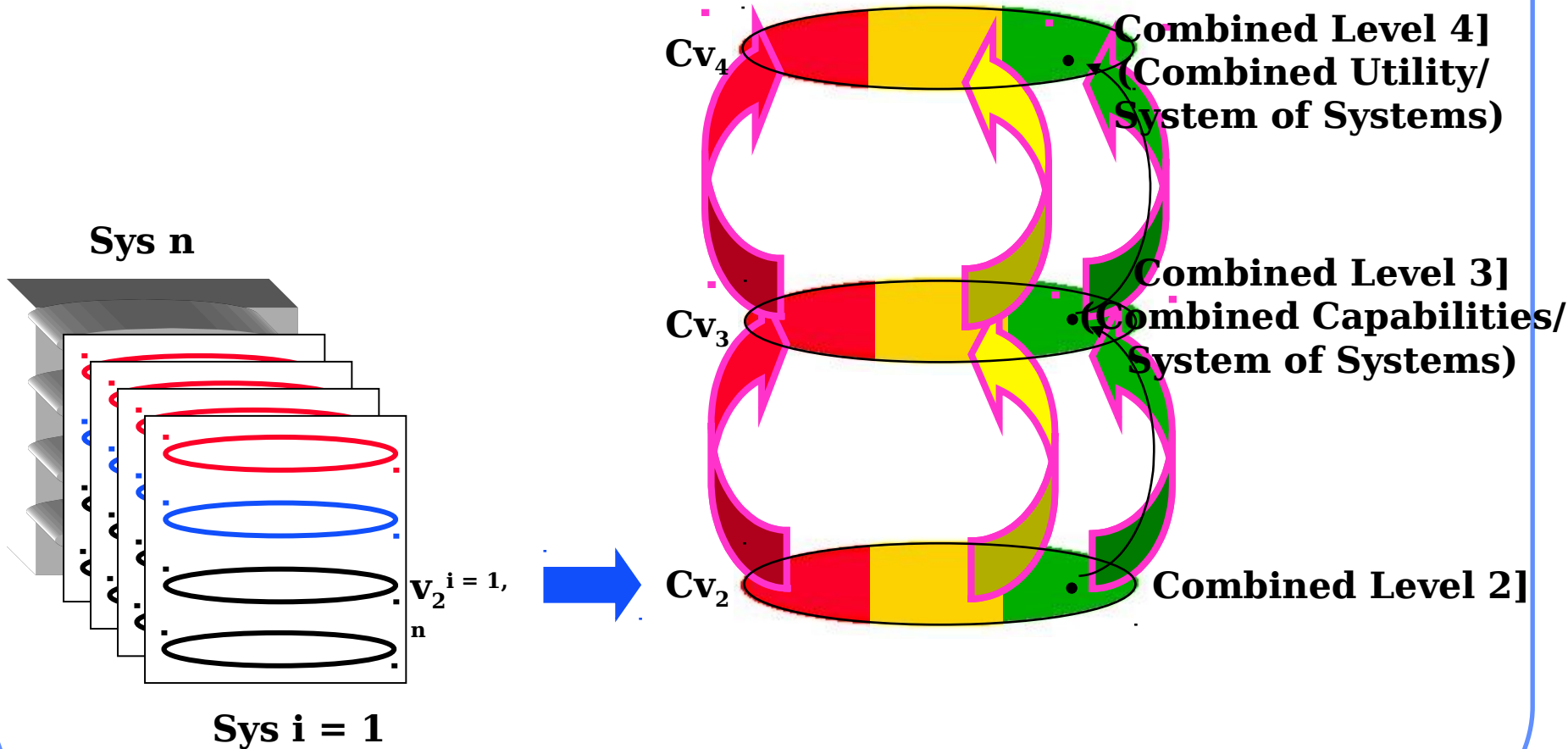
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# System-of-Systems







# Conclusions

- Have described an analysis framework that:
  - has three linked metrics - utility, capability, componentry
  - where utility is based on mission-related capabilities
  - capabilities are based on componentry
  - platform componentry is the fundamental metric, and
- Platform effectiveness depends on time as:
  - a] specific military mission/context
  - b] mission requirements change, and/or
  - c] the component infrastructure degrades or is reconstituted



## Conclusions (cont)

- As a mission proceeds in time, the levels are mapped from the bottom up
- However, to develop an effective platform design, the process must be reversed so as to begin with the desired mission outcome, then infer the relevant capabilities, etc.
- To develop a system-of-systems, an inverse inferencing process must begin with a concept of combined platform utility, then combined platform capabilities, then combined platform component linkages, etc.



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# Backups



# Structuring Level 2]

**Increasing  
Detail**

**Total Platform**

**Systems**

**Subsystems**

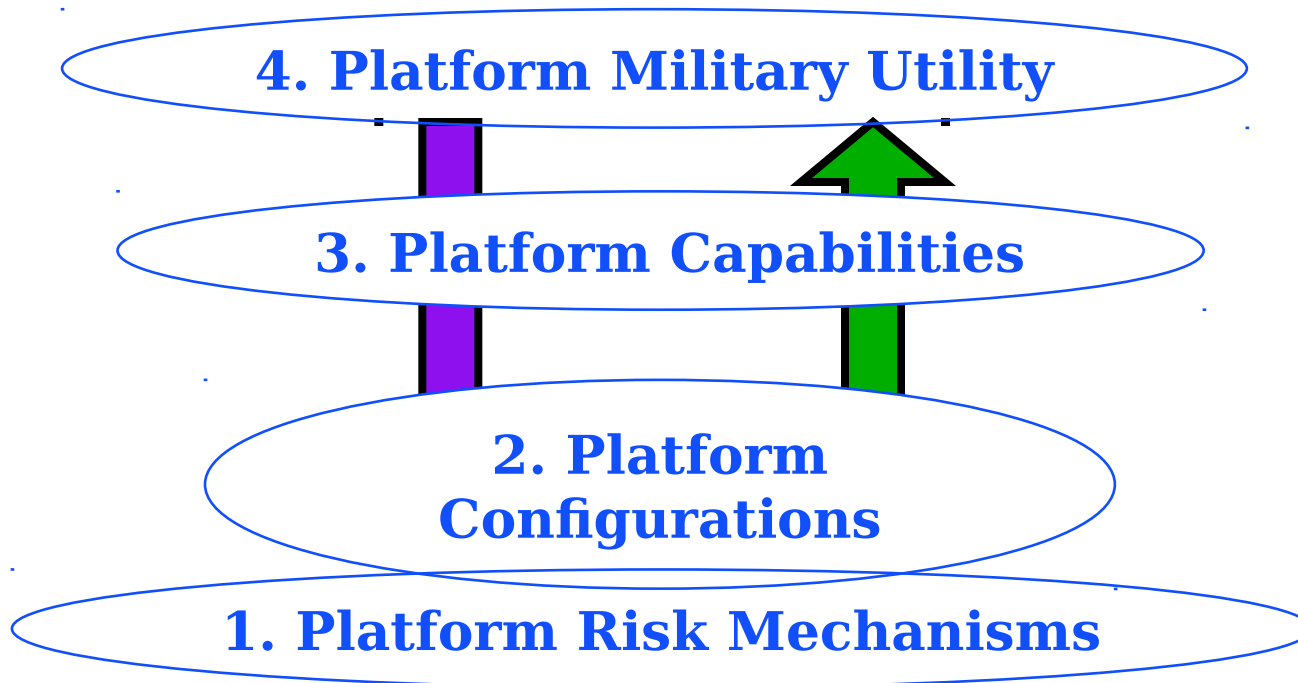
**Assemblies**

**Individual Parts**

**Increasing  
Aggregation**



# Top-Down Decompositional Framework



## Bottom-Up Analysis Framework

Bottom-up process follows causal (*i.e.*, time-forward) behavior



# Audience Survey?

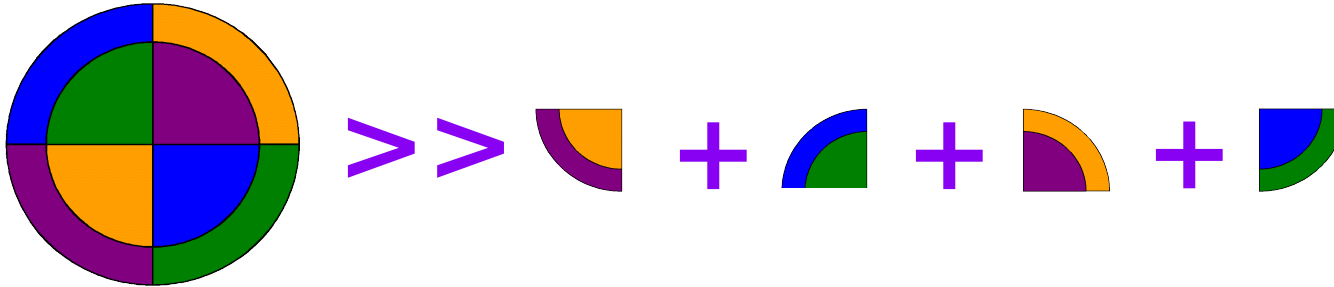
- How many attendees are from the damage or repair community?
- How many are from the single-platform performance community?
- How many are from the multi-platform performance community?
- How many are from the military effectiveness community?
- How many are familiar with at least two of the areas?
- How many are familiar with at least three



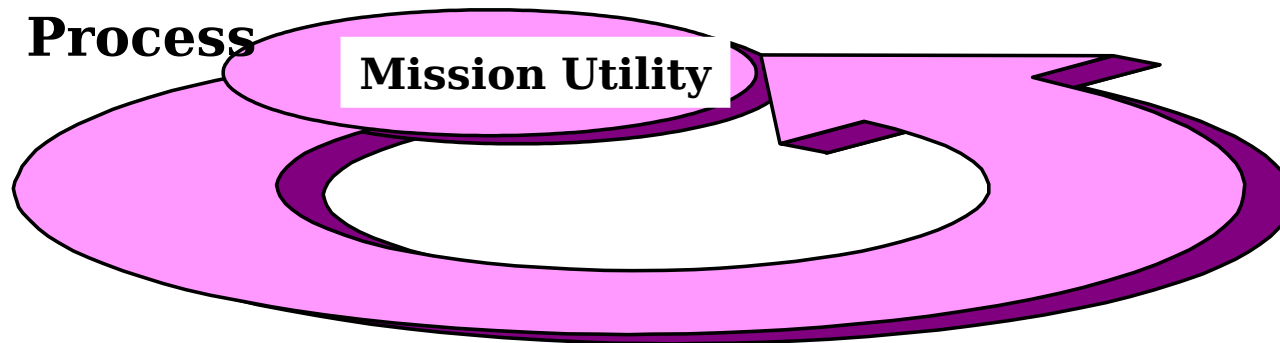


# Conclusions (cont)

- With an instantiated environment -



- Process



- Mission Utility
- Platform Technology
- Applicable to “Systems-of-Systems” *e.g.*  
Communication Systems
- Provides structure for C/B, CAIV, and AoA analyses